AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1-23. (Cancelled)

24. (Currently Amended) A latch mechanism, comprising:

an input member having a first input position and a second input position;

an output member having a first output position and a second output position;

a clutch, said clutch having a coupled condition and a decoupled condition, said coupled condition permitting movement of said input member from said first input position to said second input position to cause movement of said ~~out put~~output member from said first output position to said second output position and said decoupled condition preventing movement of said input member from said first input position to said second input position from causing movement of said output member from said first output position to said second output position; and

a stationary blocking member blocking movement of at least one of said input member and said output member when said clutch is in said decoupled condition.

25. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The latch mechanism as defined in claim 24 in which said stationary blocking member prevents said output member from moving to said second output position.

26. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The latch mechanism as defined in claim 25 in which said stationary blocking member does not prevent said input member from moving to said second input position.

27. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The latch mechanism as defined in claim 24 in which said stationary blocking member prevents said input member from moving to said second input position.

28. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The latch mechanism as defined in claim 27 in which said stationary blocking member prevents said output member from moving to said second output position.

29. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The latch mechanism as defined in claim 24 in which said input member is rotatable about an input pivot between said first input position and said second input position.

30. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The latch mechanism as defined in claim 24 in which said output member is rotatable about an output pivot between said first output position and said second output position.

31. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The latch mechanism as defined in claim 24 in which said clutch rotates to ~~coupled~~ couple said input member and said output member.

32. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The latch mechanism as defined in claim 31 in which said clutch is pivotably mounted to said at least one of said input member and said output member.

33. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The latch mechanism as defined in claim 31 in which said clutch is pivotably mounted to said at least one of said input member and said output member.

34. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The latch mechanism as defined in claim 24 in which said input member is connectable to an inside door handle.

35. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The latch mechanism as defined in claim 24 in which said input member is connectable to an outside door handle.

36. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The latch mechanism as defined in claim 35 wherein in a coupled state, said clutch translates upon movement of said input member between said first input position and said second input position to actuate said output member.

37. (Currently Amended) The latch mechanism of Claim 24 wherein said stationary blocking member is fixed against movement relative to at least one of a latch and a vehicle chassis.

38. (Currently Amended) A latch mechanism, comprising:

an input member having a first input position and a second input position;

an output member having a first output position and a second output position;

a clutch, said clutch having a coupled condition and a decoupled condition, said coupled condition permitting movement of said input member from said first input position to said second input position to cause movement of said output member from said first output position to said second output position and said decoupled condition preventing movement of said input member from said first input position to said second input position from causing movement of said output member from said first output position to said second output position, said clutch being rotatable between said coupled and said decoupled position; and

a blocking member blocking movement of at least one of said input member and said output member when said clutch is in said decoupled condition.